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Testimony

When I first approached the doors of Asnuntuck Community college that fateful warm sunny day I didn't know what to expect. I could not have been happier with the results. Community college has been an extremely enlightening and motivational experience. I cannot stress enough how much this school has positively impacted my life. My family broken, my mom sick with kidney failure, bills that needed to be paid and a little sister and brother to take care of, I never thought that I could go to school. Community college gave me hope. I strong believe that the state should not cut the budget of Connecticut community colleges. This is something that we cannot afford.

Community college provides a step in the door for the first generation college student who is not familiar with the academic processes. This guidance is crucial for those who need the necessary tools to pursue a degree in academia. I believe that this budget cut will make it difficult for our future generation of students to get the kind of help and attention they need to pursue their goals.

In my time at community college the staff has always been friendly and helpful. The professors treat us like equals and encourage us to speak out openly in class. Everyone that I've worked with in my school has been passionate about their work. These people truly care for the student body. A budget cut from the state would make their job even harder and I do not want that for them.

My philosophy teacher said something first semester that has resonated in my mind ever since "Never settle for less" My time at Asnuntuck is almost over but I want to know that those who proceed me will have the same wonder opportunities that I have been given, to give our future student anything less would be a grave mistake.